

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Methods for international cellular calls include purchasing cellular telephones in bulk in a destination country, taking them to an origin country for rental to travelers to the destination country, providing dedicated switching equipment in both the origin and destination countries, and programming the cell phones and the switching equipment to direct calls between the origin and destination countries through the dedicated switching equipment. The apparatus of the invention includes the cell phones, the switching equipment, and the communication link(s) between the origin and destination countries. According to the presently preferred embodiment, the dedicated switching equipment and the cell phones are owned by the same company or related companies. The communications link(s) between the origin and destination countries is (are) preferably leased from another company.